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SUBJECT: FAO COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE: WORLD FOOD PROGRAM ASSISTANCE TO CHILEAN REFUGEES

- 1. DURING CONSIDERATION OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, ITEM 9
 OF FAO COUNCIL, SIX DELEGATIONS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF WFP
 ASSISTANCE BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD
 ,OUNTRIES SPEAKING WERE GUINEA, BURUNDI, GABON, DAHOMEY,
 CONGO AND CUBA. WFP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TURNED MATTER
 ASISDE BY REFERRING TO STANDING GUIDELINE. HOWEVER,
 THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE MATTER WILL BE
 BROUGHT UP AGAIN DURING CONFERENCE. THERE MAY BE AN
 EFFORT TO SECURE A RESOLUTION, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING
 CHILEAN REFUGEES.
- 2. NFP SECRETARIAT (AQUINO) REACTION TO THRUST ON REFUGEES NORMALLY WOULD BE THAT WFP LIKE OTHER UN AGENCIES IS SENSITIVE TO REFUGEE PROBLEM AND DOES PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE ON BASIS OF REQUESTS FROM COUNTRIES WHO FEEL THEY NEED HELP IN FEEDING PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN REFUGE WITHIN THEIR BORDERS; OR IN SOME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CASES ON A HUMARITARIAN BASIS TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN UP-

ROOTED AS RESULT OF WAR OR CIVIL STRIFE EVEN THOUGH THEY REMAIN IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

3. LIBERATION MOVEMEENTS NORMALLY HANDLED SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY. BASICALLY ASSISTANCE TO THESE GROUPS HAS BEEN CONFINED TO AFRICA AND TO THOSE CASES COVERED BY A SPECIFIC UN RESOLUTION, WITH OAU AS ADMINISTERING AGENCY.

4. U.S. DELEGATION CONSIDERS PRESENT GUIDANCE ADEQUATE AND DOES NOT INTEND ENGAGE IN POLITICAL DEBATE ON CHILE. CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVE AGREES. CALINGAERT

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